(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

Proposal to link SSI units with big units

3966. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether, in order to help the small scale industry survive and overcome its vulnerability in the post-liberalised economic environment, Government consider linking of SSIs with big units as one such step in that direction; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to promote such linkages between SSIs and the big units, both at the Central and State levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) To promote linkages between SSIs and the big units, equity participation in small scale sector to the extent of 24% by other industrial undertaking has been allowed primarily to encourage ancillarisation, quality improvement and technology upgradation and to enable small scale units to raise capital which in the normal course is difficult for them to raise from the capital market. An Action Programme for indigenisation of Defence spares and equipments in the small scale sector has also been prepared.

Manufacture of low priority items by large Units

3967. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently allowed the large scale Industrial Units to manufacture low priority items;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the names of the Industrial units which have started manufacturing the items; and

(c) whether Government have received representations from small scale units against the said order and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been no change in the list of items which large scale industrial units are not allowed to manufacture and which are reserved for manufacture by the Small Scale.

Perhaps the Hon'ble Member is referring to the low priority items listed under the 11th Shedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Earlier only Small Scale Units were entitled to some deduction in Income Tax if they manufactured any of these 28 low priority items in certain areas. Now large scale units have also been permitted to claim this tax deduction.

(c) No, Sir. No such representation has been received

Import of goods by Maruti Udyog Limited

3968. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Limited has been allowed to import goods worth crores of rupees at zero customs duty and if so, what are the details of the items imported by this unit during the last three years, alongwith the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon;

(b) on what grounds this company has been given this permission; and

(c) whether similar facility has been given to other manufacturers also and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Vide its Notification dated 2-11-93, Government has exempted under Section 25 of the Customs Act, the import duties payble on capital goods being imported for the expansion of Maruti's production capacity and production of the YE2 car. These goods have only been imported after the date of the Notification and during 1993-94, MUL imported goods valued at Yen 10.74 Billion under this exemption. The list of major equipment imported is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) This exemption was given with the object of promoting exports.

(c) Government has announced that such exemption would be available to others also, in similar circumstances.